

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 25-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such claims have been amended in such manner. Moreover, each of the remaining independent claims have been clarified to include the foregoing allowable subject matter, at least in part.

Each of the independent claims is thus deemed allowable, for the reasons set forth hereinabove. Moreover, each of the dependent claims is deemed allowable by virtue of their dependence on the foregoing independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P078/99.042.02).

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